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HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANT THAC BA  
LANG CHI, NORTH VIETNAM  
2144N 10501E

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(SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD K-6706 FOR COMPARISON)

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS CONTINUOUS CONSTRUCTION ON A HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER PLANT IN NORTH VIETNAM.

2. LOCATION:

THIS INSTALLATION IS LOCATED ON THE SONG CHAY (RIVER) THIRTEEN NM NORTHWEST OF LANG CHI, AND APPROXIMATELY SIXTY-FIVE NM NORTHWEST OF HA NOI AT UTM WK025046.

3. COLLATERAL:

COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT THE LANG CHI HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANT THAC BA IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC POWER FOR PRODUCTION AND TO PROVIDE FOR FLOOD CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT OF NAVIGATION. THIS PLANT IS TO HAVE A CAPACITY OF 109, 500 KILOWATTS; TWO UNITS OF 36, 500 KILOWATTS EACH ARE BEING BUILT IN THE USSR. CONSTRUCTION OF THE PLANT HAS BEEN ACCELERATED CONSIDERABLY, PROBABLY IN AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL GENERATING CAPACITY IN WHAT MAY BE CONSIDERED THE LESS VULNERABLE NORTH-CENTRAL REGION AND TO COMPENSATE FOR POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL POWER PLANT LOSSES IN THE HA NOI-HAI PHONG REGION.

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4. MISSION READOUT:

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[REDACTED] REVEALS THE PORTION OF THE DAM UNDER CON-  
STRUCTION THAT WILL BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE POWER GENERATION. THE  
FOUNDATION FOR THE POWER HOUSE IS OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION WITH THE  
WATER CARRYING CONDUITS APPARENT IN THE AREA. A CONCRETE BATCH PLANT,  
SEVERAL BARRACKS AREAS, AND SEVERAL STORAGE AREAS ARE ALSO OBSERVED.

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